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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History
(2) COMFITWING ONE Calendar Year 1992
(3) Biography of Captain Robert S. Schmidt
(4) Photograph of Captain Robert S. Schmidt (photo copy)
(5) Former Wing Commanders

1. Per the reference, enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.


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Commander, Fighter Wing ONE

COMMAND HISTORY

Commander, Fighter Wing ONE was established on 1 July 1971 replacing Commander Fleet Air Norfolk as supervisor, coordinator and director of operations, maintenance, supply and administration for Atlantic Fleet fighter squadrons. Commander, Fighter ONE assumes the overall responsibility for the continuing material readiness and type training of all fleet squadrons and units within the Atlantic Fleet F-14 fighter community. In addition, Commander, Fighter Wing ONE is administratively responsible for support for Fleet Composite Squadrons 8 and 10. The Commander coordinates, for the squadron/air wing commander, the scheduling of such functions as safety inspections, aircraft material inspections and modification programs, Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM) schedules, unit weapons deployments and competitive exercises. Commander, Fighter Wing ONE also assists the air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanders in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, when squadrons are deployed.

At present, Fighter Wing ONE consists of 10 fleet operation squadrons flying the F-14 Tomcat, Fighter Squadrons 43 and 101, Fleet Composite Squadrons 8 and 10, and provides scheduling authority over Fighter Squadron Composite 12. The Fleet Readiness Squadron, Fighter Squadron 101, provides replacement aircrew and maintenance personnel for the F-14. Fighter Squadron 43, the adversary support squadron, provides air combat maneuvering and out of control training for both fleet and FRS squadrons. Fleet Composite Squadron 8 provides fleet air support service for deploying aviation squadrons. Fleet Composite Squadron 10 provides fleet air support service and defense for Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Fighter Squadron Composite 12 provides adversary support for the fleet and Fighter Squadron 101.

Fighter Wing ONE is comprised of over 280 aircraft and more than 4,700 officers and enlisted personnel. The prompt provision of services and facilities to the squadrons and personnel that comprise them ensures support and maximum combat readiness capabilities of the Atlantic Fleet fighter community.

COMFITWING ONE CALENDAR YEAR 1992

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing ONE assists air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, while squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. Captain Robert S. Schmidt.

c. Command Relationship. Commander, Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

2. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
11JAN92	Fighter Squadron Composite 12 Change of Command. Commander Auten relieved Commander Benefield.
15FEB92	Fighter Squadron 143 Change of Command. Commander Smith relieved Commander James.
15FEB92	Fighter Squadron 102 Change of Command. Commander Neidlinger relieved Commander Enright.
21FEB92	Fighter Squadron 32 Change of Command. Commander Zelibor relieved Commander Davis.
28FEB92	Fighter Squadron 41 Change of Command. Commander Benson relieved Commander Wuethrich.
4JUN92	Fleet Composite Squadron 10 Change of Command. Commander Naumann relieved Commander Bean.
30JUL92	Fighter Squadron 142 Change of Command. Commander Garrett relieved Commander Gallagher.
1SEP92	Fighter Squadron 103 Change of Command. Commander Zobel relieved Commander Fitzpatrick.
28SEP92	Fighter Squadron 43 Change of Command. Commander Nance relieved Commander Russell.
1OCT92	Fighter Squadron 101 Change of Command. Commander Wuethrich relieved Commander Grissom.
6NOV92	Fighter Squadron 84 Change of Command. Commander Stufflebeem relieved Commander Rahn.

3. Maintenance Department

Managed more than 150 Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (AIRLANT) F-14 aircraft in support of 10 Fleet Fighter Squadrons and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). Ensured aircraft availability and supportability through management of the following maintenance initiatives:

- Implemented single siting of the F-14B aircraft at NAS Oceana. Improved readiness and increased capability of East Coast fighter squadrons.
- In conjunction with Naval Aviation Depot Management, consolidated numerous drive-in mods, Time Compliance Requirements (TCR), and wing pivot inspections to reduced aircraft induction requirements and streamlined workload.
- Implemented monthly production meetings with Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) to ensure fleet concerns/priorities were included in production planning. Provided fleet maintenance managers with prompt feedback on depot level issues/obstacles and a better understanding of depot requirements.
- Developed a local computer program to track current aircraft fatigue life expended; information provided to Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) enabled accurate, timely projections of time compliance requirements, maximized utilization of assets, ensured effective expenditure of funds and provided data for well-informed Program Objective Memorandum (POM) forecasts of future needs.
- Maintained 100 percent fleet availability of fighter-to-fighter data link (ASW-27C), Television Camera System (TCS), Tactical Air Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS) and electronic warfare (ALQ-126/ALR 45/50/67) systems while ensuring asset availability for aircrew training in the FRS.
- Drove a NAVAIR sponsored TARPS overhaul program. Implemented lessons learned from "OPERATION DESERT STORM" to cause upgrade and refurbishment of this critical battle group asset. Provide on site technical review of overhaul requirements to ensure optimum expenditure of funds.
- Managed F-14 TARPS aircraft inventory to meet carrier air wing requirements despite a critical shortage of assets driven by fatigue life and grounding bulletins.
- Controlled aircraft inventory and pursued supply assets required to continue incorporation of 62 degree spoiler enhancement modification; the only Type Wing to accomplish this task.
- Implemented the "CD-ROM" computerized technical library program in all Fighter Wing ONE squadrons. Significantly reduced required paper publications at the squadron level.

- Implemented the support equipment "Local Asset Management System" (LAMS) in all Fighter Wing squadrons. System will greatly improve support equipment readiness and inventory control.
- Rewrote the "Battle E" grading criteria to reflect major shift in management philosophy from pure readiness reporting to emphasis on reporting accuracy, aircraft material condition and judicious management/expenditure of austere funds.

4. Readiness Significant Fighter Wing events and achievements include:

- Initiated/conducted war of attrition exercise as part of Fleet Fighter Air Combat Readiness Program (FFARP) to evaluate all aspects of squadron tactical acumen. Operations and Maintenance Departments were heavily tasked and their performance was ranked throughout the wing.
- Fighter Wing ONE attained the highest Tactical Air Combat Training System (TACTS) utilization training rate of 60 percent. This rate is 15 percent higher than any other TACTS facility.
- Co-hosted Air-to-Air OAG in August (in Miramar).
- Co-chaired F-14 OAG in May (in Oceana).
- Participated in F-14/TACTS users group.
- Assisted in implementation of AIM-9 reduced thresholding, reported that action item complete to F-14 OAG.
- Provided inputs on F-14 programs to Naval Air Liaison Group (NALG).
- Completed comprehensive "Fire Breaks" review for CNAL/CNO.
- Provided briefings/tours/simulator demonstrations to over 400 distinguished visitors including RNSC, RAFSC, DIA, CIA, FBI, NSI, GAO, etc.
- Provided data/background information for Base Realignment Advisory Committee.
- Laid ground work for air-to-air school house at Strike Weapons and Tactics School, Atlantic (SWATSLANT).

F-14 Air-to-Ground Milestones

- Received all first production ADU-703s (68).

- Received clearance for MK 80 series, high and low drag, mechanical and electrical fuzes, Gator, Rockeye and APAM.
- Deployed CAG 17 with 16 ADU-703 A/As and CAG 3 with 32 ADU-703 A/As.
- All squadrons have completed A/G training and qualification.

TARPS

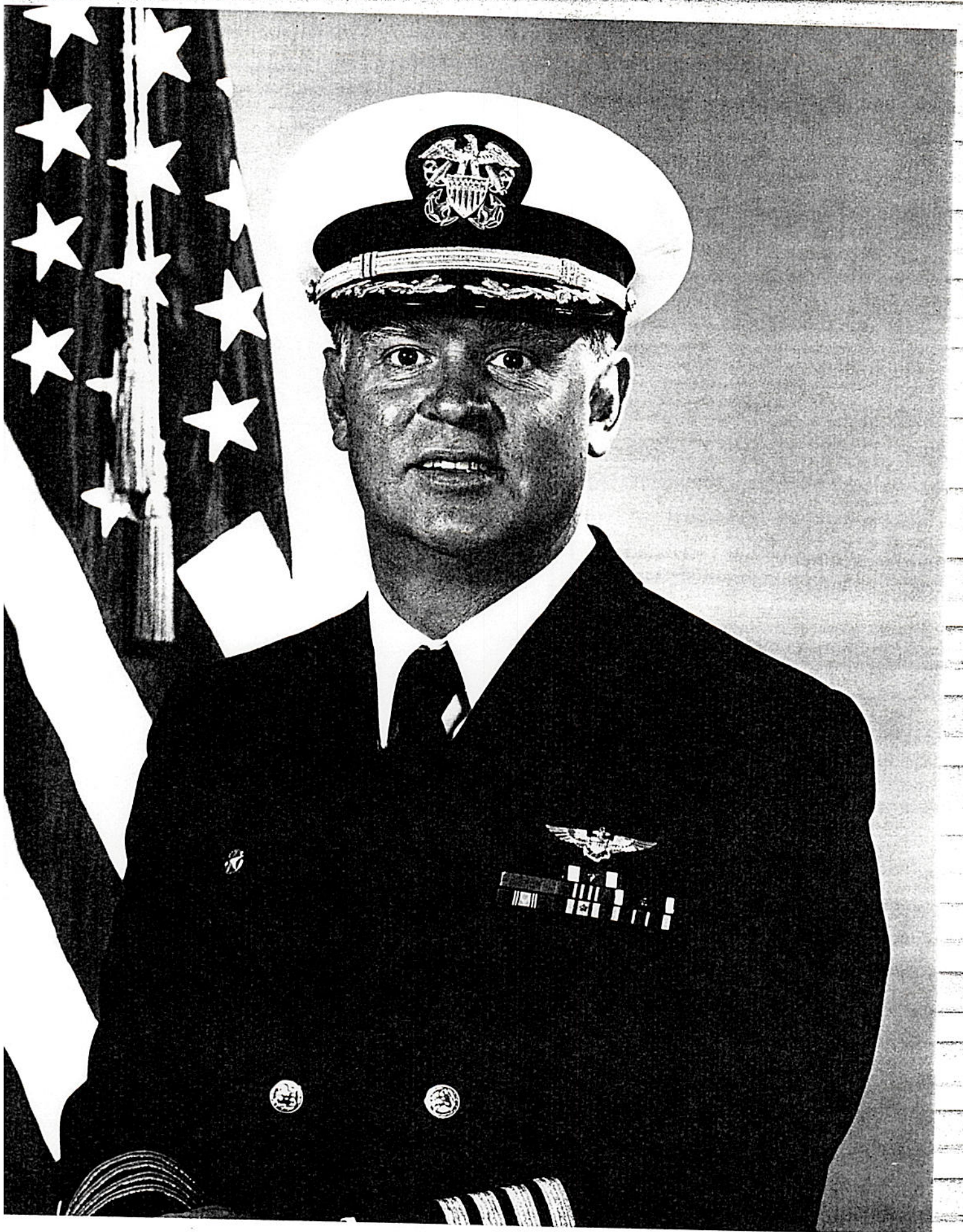
- Responding to short fused tasking, translated TARPS jet with POD to CVW-3 in the Med.

Simulator Milestones

- Phase ONE of a five million dollar Defense Advance Research Projects Agency (DARPA) simulation project has begun at NAS Oceana. Set up of the What If Simulation System for Advanced Research and Development Program (WISSARD) began during the first quarter of FY 93. The project's goals are to provide a testbed for "fast jet" network simulation initiative, define baseline physical and tactical fidelity required for air combat distributed simulation and provide a tactical air combat mode for Joint Service distributed simulation exercises.

Replacement for the Weapon System Trainer (WST) 2F112, is in the final contract negotiation phase. The 2F153A is an F-14D to B conversion and expected to be in place NAS Oceana fourth quarter FY 95.

5. Safety During calendar year 1992, Fighter Wing ONE aircraft flew a total of 49,052 hours with 2 Class "A" mishaps. These figures give Fighter Wing ONE a mishap record of 4.1 per 100,000 flight hours for CY 92 and a 1.65 rate for combined calendar years 91 and 92, versus a rate of 1.39 per 100,000 flight hours for 1990 and 2.97 for 1989.



Captain ROBERT S. SCHMIDT

Captain Robert S. Schmidt is a native of (b) (6) and graduated from George Washington University with a degree in Business Administration. While at George Washington University, he lettered in football and baseball. Upon graduation, he began his naval career in July 1968 at Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Florida. After commissioning he received pilot training in Pensacola, Meridian, and Kingsville. Following designation as a Naval Aviator in December 1969 Captain Schmidt reported to VF-101 at NAS Key West as a replacement F-4 pilot. Following FRS training, his first sea tour from January 1971 to May 1974 was split between VF-103 aboard USS SARATOGA (CV 60) and VF-32 aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). Subsequent shore duty was spent at VF-101 Detachment Key West as an ACM Instructor flying F-4J/F-4N and A4 aircraft.

In August 1976, Captain Schmidt reported to VF-103 and made two complete workups and deployments aboard "SARA" flying the venerable Phantom. In January of 1979, he transferred to VF-43 and became the Operations Officer shortly after arrival. While with the "Challengers," he flew the A-4E/M, TA-4J, T-38, and F-5 aircraft.

Captain Schmidt's third sea tour landed him in Yokuska, Japan, flying with VF-161 aboard USS MIDWAY (CV 41). Three cruises later he returned to NAS Oceana and VF-101 for F-14A transition and subsequent duty as Executive and Commanding Officer of the "Ghostriders" of VF-142 from July 1984 to February 1987.

After a superb, accident free command tour, Captain Schmidt was assigned to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as the Operations Officer deploying to the Mediterranean from March to August 1988. In February 1989, he was assigned to the Staff of Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) and became the Joint Doctrine Branch Head (OP-607). In March 1991, he was assigned to the Commander In Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and became Director of Fleet Policy.

Captain Schmidt has accumulated over 4100 flight hours and 850 carrier arrested landings. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (Third Award), Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and various other medals and ribbons.

FORMER WING COMMANDERS

Captain Eugene Bezore	1 July 1971 - 4 January 1972
Captain Wilbert D. Knutson	4 January 1972 - 16 July 1974
Captain Lowell R. Myers	16 July 1974 - 27 August 1975
Captain Gerald L. Riendeau	27 August 1975 - 27 August 1976
Captain John S. Disher	27 August 1976 - 28 April 1978
Captain Samuel C. Flynn, Jr.	28 April 1978 - 31 July 1980
Captain Robert E. Tucker, Jr.	31 July 1980 - 2 April 1982
Captain Frederick L. Lewis	2 April 1982 - 7 October 1983
Captain Roy Cash, Jr.	7 October 1983 - 7 February 1985
Captain Donald L. McCrory	7 February 1985 - 21 February 1986
Captain John F. Manning, Jr.	15 September 1986 - 9 August 1988
Captain Curtiss W. Schantz, Jr.	9 August 1988 - 17 May 1990
Captain Richard W. Potter	17 May 1990 - 24 June 1991
Captain James Flaherty, Jr.	24 June 1991 - 7 August 1992